



TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEBRA WOODS FOR MAYOR KINCAID AND COUNCILOR PURSER

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2024

AGENDA TEXT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT – A request to approve the appointment of Justice Sweet Baker to the Arts and Culture Board to fulfill an unexpired term plus an additional three-year term to expire in July of 2027

BACKGROUND

Arts & Culture Board member Sally Edginton resigned from the Arts and Culture Board on January 9, 2024, thus creating a vacancy. Her term was due to expire in July of 2024.

A previous vacancy was advertised on the City’s website at fruita.org beginning in September 2023 through November 21, 2023 and applications were received from Carlee Burnett and Justice Sweet Baker. After conducting interviews of both applicants, Mayor Kincaid and Council Liaison Jeannine Purser recommended that Carlee Burnett be appointed, which she was, at the November 21, 2023 City Council meeting. At that time, Mayor Kincaid and Councilor Purser expressed what a difficult decision it was because they wanted to appoint both applicants, but there was only one vacancy.

Mayor Kincaid and Councilor Purser recommend the appointment of Justice Sweet Baker to the Arts and Culture Board to fulfill Sally Edginton’s unexpired term plus an additional three-year term to expire in July of 2027. If Ms. Baker is appointed, there will be no remaining vacancies on the Arts and Culture Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Boards and Commissions provide valuable input to the City and help establish goals and objectives. They provide a link between citizens of Fruita and city government.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Appoint Justice Sweet Baker to the Arts and Culture Board to fulfill an unexpired term plus an additional three-year term to expire in July of 2027

2. Instruct staff to publish a notice of vacancy and repeat the interview process.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of Mayor Kincaid and Councilor Purser that the City Council by motion:

- **APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE SWEET BAKER TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE BOARD TO FULFILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM PLUS AN ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE IN JULY OF 2027**